

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
for the

Western District of Michigan

JEFFREY RYAN FENTON )  
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*Plaintiff(s)* )  
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v. )  
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VIRGINIA LEE STORY et al., )  
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*Defendant(s)* )  
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**FILED - LN**

October 21, 2024 4:17 PM

CLERK OF COURT

U.S. DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-1097

**SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION**

To: (*Defendant's name and address*)

STORY AND ABERNATHY, PLLP  
136 4TH AVE S,  
FRANKLIN, TN 37064-2622

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Jeffrey Fenton  
17195 Silver Parkway #150  
Fenton, MI 48430

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

AUG 21 2024

CLERK OF COURT

Date: 05/23/2024

  
Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-1097

**PROOF OF SERVICE***(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)*

STORY AND ABERNATHY, PLLP

was received by me on *(date)*

August 21, 2024

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 *Other (specify):*

Service of defendant STORY AND ABERNATHY, PLLP was initiated pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 4(e)(1) and Mich. Ct. R. 2.105(C) by delivering the *lawsuit service package* as itemized in ECF 69 and 69-1 of this lawsuit, via certified U.S. mail with tracking number 70203160000230011758, return receipt requested, to the *registered agent* address as listed by the Tennessee Secretary of State, Division of Business Services, for SOS Control #000706581. This package was successfully delivered to defendant STORY AND ABERNATHY, PLLP on August 26, 2024, at 11:09 AM, as evidenced by the return receipt signed by "Kim Rydell". See the attached receipt copies from the USPS.

Mich. Ct. R. 2.105(C) requires: "Process may be served on a partnership or limited partnership by: (1) serving a summons and a copy of the complaint on any general partner, or (2) serving a summons and a copy of the complaint on the person in charge of a partnership office or business establishment and sending a summons and a copy of the complaint by registered mail, addressed to a general partner at his or her usual residence or last known address."

Due to the high number of defendants in this case, production of the *lawsuit service packages* was both costly and very time and resource intensive to produce. As such there were only enough lawsuit service packages prepared to provide *one* per defendant to start. As service progressed, additional lawsuit service packages continued to be produced and sent out to defendants requiring additional service attempts.

Per Mich. Ct. R. 2.105(K)(3), "(3) An action shall not be dismissed for improper service of process unless the service failed to *inform* the defendant of the action within the time provided in these rules for service." Rule 2.105(K)(3) - Process; Manner of Service.

In the spirit of Mich. Ct. R. 2.105(K)(3) above, service *was deemed satisfied* either upon full completion of service as outlined in Mich. Ct. R. 2.105, per the entity type, or upon first appearance in this matter by counsel, since they obviously were *informed* about this action prior to the *date of first appearance* by their counsel as evidenced in the record.

Especially in situations where the registered agent address and the principal address for the business are the same, or where the registered agent and the known business owner are the same person, it is cost prohibitive, inefficient, and largely illogical, to redundantly serve the same individual.

Valerie Henning Mock of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP made an *appearance* in this matter on behalf of defendant STORY AND ABERNATHY, PLLP on September 16. Since service was only sent to STORY AND ABERNATHY, PLLP at their business address, not at the personal residence of any of the partners, service is deemed completed as of the date of first appearance in this matter, that being on September 16, 2024, though first notice of the action was delivered weeks earlier.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: 10/20/2024

Server's signature

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Marsha Ann Fenton

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Printed name and title

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17195 Silver Pkwy, #150, Fenton, MI 48430-3426

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Server's address



**Tre Hargett**  
Secretary of State

**Division of Business Services  
Department of State  
State of Tennessee  
312 Rosa L. Parks AVE, 6th FL  
Nashville, TN 37243-1102**

**Filing Information**

Name: Story and Abernathy, PLLP

**General Information**

SOS Control #	000706581	Formation Locale:	TENNESSEE
Filing Type:	Limited Liability Partnership - Domestic	Date Formed:	01/18/2013
	01/18/2013 10:08 AM	Fiscal Year Close	12
Status:	Active	Partner Count:	2
Duration Term:	Perpetual		

**Registered Agent Address**

VIRGINIA L STORY  
136 4TH AVE S  
FRANKLIN, TN 37064-2622

**Principal Address**

136 4TH AVE S  
FRANKLIN, TN 37064-2622

The following document(s) was/were filed in this office on the date(s) indicated below:

Date Filed	Filing Description	Image #
05/02/2024	2023 Annual Report	B1557-5824
Member Count Changed	From: 3 To: 2	
02/26/2024	Articles of Amendment	B1511-4908
Filing Name Changed	From: Story, Abernathy and Campbell, PLLP To: Story and Abernathy, PLLP	
08/14/2023	Application for Reinstatement	B1441-5102
Filing Status Changed	From: Inactive - Dissolved (Administrative) To: ACTIVE	
Inactive Date Changed	From: 08/08/2023 To: No Value	
08/14/2023	2022 Annual Report	B1441-5083
08/08/2023	Dissolution/Revocation - Administrative	B1433-5264
Filing Status Changed	From: Active To: Inactive - Dissolved (Administrative)	
Inactive Date Changed	From: No Value To: 08/08/2023	
06/02/2023	Notice of Determination	B1402-4346
03/30/2022	2021 Annual Report	B1191-1280
03/30/2021	2020 Annual Report	B1008-8539
03/31/2020	2019 Annual Report	B0850-3978
Member Count Changed	From: 1 To: 3	
02/15/2019	2018 Annual Report	B0654-2169
Member Count Changed	From: 3 To: 1	
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## Filing Information

Name: Story and Abernathy, PLLP

03/22/2018	2017 Annual Report	B0520-3602
Member Count Changed	From: 2 To: 3	
03/21/2017	2016 Annual Report	B0366-0413
Member Count Changed	From: 3 To: 2	
01/21/2016	2015 Annual Report	B0187-3796
12/29/2014	2014 Annual Report	B0001-7718
Member Count Changed	From: 2 To: 3	
07/09/2014	Articles of Amendment	7360-2003
Filing Name Changed	From: Story and Abernathy, PLLP To: Story, Abernathy and Campbell, PLLP	
12/28/2013	2013 Annual Report	A0206-1187
01/18/2013	Initial Filing	7134-1551

Active Assumed Names (if any)	Date	Expires
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**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.**

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215 S MAIN ST  
LINDEN, MI 48451-9998  
(800)275-8777

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Product	Qty	Unit Price	Price
Priority Mail®	1	\$14.25	
Franklin, TN 37064			
Weight: 3 lb 10.80 oz			
Expected Delivery Date			
Mon 08/26/2024			
Insurance		\$0.00	
Up to \$100.00 included			
Certified Mail®		\$4.85	
Tracking #:			
→ 70203160000230011758			
Return Receipt		\$4.10	
Tracking #:			
9590 9402 8627 3244 0682 44			
Total		\$23.20	
Grand Total:		\$147.60	
Credit Card Remit		\$147.60	
Card Name: VISA			
Account #: XXXXXXXXXX8359			
Approval #: 014252			
Transaction #: 185			
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AL: VISA CREDIT			
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 City, State

STORY AND ABERNATHY, PLLP  
136 4TH AVE S  
FRANKLIN, TN 37064-2622

PS Form 3811, July 2020 PSN 7530-02-000-9057 See Reverse for action

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 08/24/2024

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United States Postal Service

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FENTON, MI 48430-3426

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3.</li> <li>■ Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.</li> <li>■ Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.</li> </ul> <p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p><b>STORY AND ABERNATHY, PLLP 136 4TH AVE S FRANKLIN, TN 37064-2622</b></p> <p>9590 9402 8627 3244 0682 44</p> <p>7020 3160 0002 3001 1758</p>		<p>A. Signature <i>Kim Rydel</i></p> <p>B. Received by (Printed Name)</p> <p>C. Date of Delivery 8/14/21</p> <p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3. Service Type</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Priority Mail Express®  <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature  <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature Restricted Delivery  <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail®  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail Restricted Delivery  <input type="checkbox"/> Collect on Delivery  <input type="checkbox"/> Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery  <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail  <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail Restricted Delivery (over \$500)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mail™  <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mail Restricted Delivery  <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Confirmation™  <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery</p>	

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Delivered, Front Desk/Reception/Mail Room

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August 26, 2024, 11:09 am

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#### Out for Delivery

FRANKLIN, TN 37064

August 26, 2024, 6:10 am

#### Arrived at Post Office

FRANKLIN, TN 37064

August 26, 2024, 5:51 am

#### Arrived at USPS Regional Destination Facility

NASHVILLE TN DISTRIBUTION CENTER

August 26, 2024, 12:03 am

#### In Transit to Next Facility

August 25, 2024

#### Arrived at USPS Regional Origin Facility

DETROIT MI DISTRIBUTION CENTER

August 24, 2024, 10:44 pm

**Arrived at USPS Regional Facility**

PONTIAC MI DISTRIBUTION CENTER

August 24, 2024, 6:21 pm

**Departed USPS Facility**

LINDEN, MI 48451

August 24, 2024, 12:02 pm

**Departed Post Office**

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August 28, 2024, 8:45 am

#### Departed USPS Regional Facility

NASHVILLE TN DISTRIBUTION CENTER

August 27, 2024, 7:38 am

#### Arrived at USPS Regional Facility

NASHVILLE TN DISTRIBUTION CENTER

August 26, 2024, 11:10 pm

#### Processing at USPS Facility

FRANKLIN, TN 37064

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